



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Patent Application of

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Application No.: 09/753,601

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For: OUTPUT SYSTEM AND OUTPUT
METHOD USED IN THE SAME FOR
PRINTING AND PRODUCING
COPIES

) Mail Stop AF

) Group Art Unit: 2131

) Examiner: JENISE E JACKSON

) Confirmation No.: 1564

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 15, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims. Claims 1-10 currently are pending.

Applicant notes the Examiner's allowance of claims 3-4. The Examiner also indicates allowable subject matter with respect to claim 9. However, it appears the Examiner considers claim 9 to depend from a rejected base claim when, in fact, claim 9 had been rewritten in independent form to include all the features of original independent claim 8. Hence, it is believed claim 9 is allowable. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to withdraw the objection.

On pages 2-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 1-2, 5-8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103, as allegedly being obvious over Kakiuchi et al. patent (U.S. 6,687,017) in view of the Nagashima et al. patent (U.S. 5,581,613). This rejection cannot stand because the Kakiuchi et al. and Nagashima et al. patents, whether considered individually or in any combination, fail to teach or suggest each and every feature set forth in the independent claims, and hence also in their respective dependent claims.